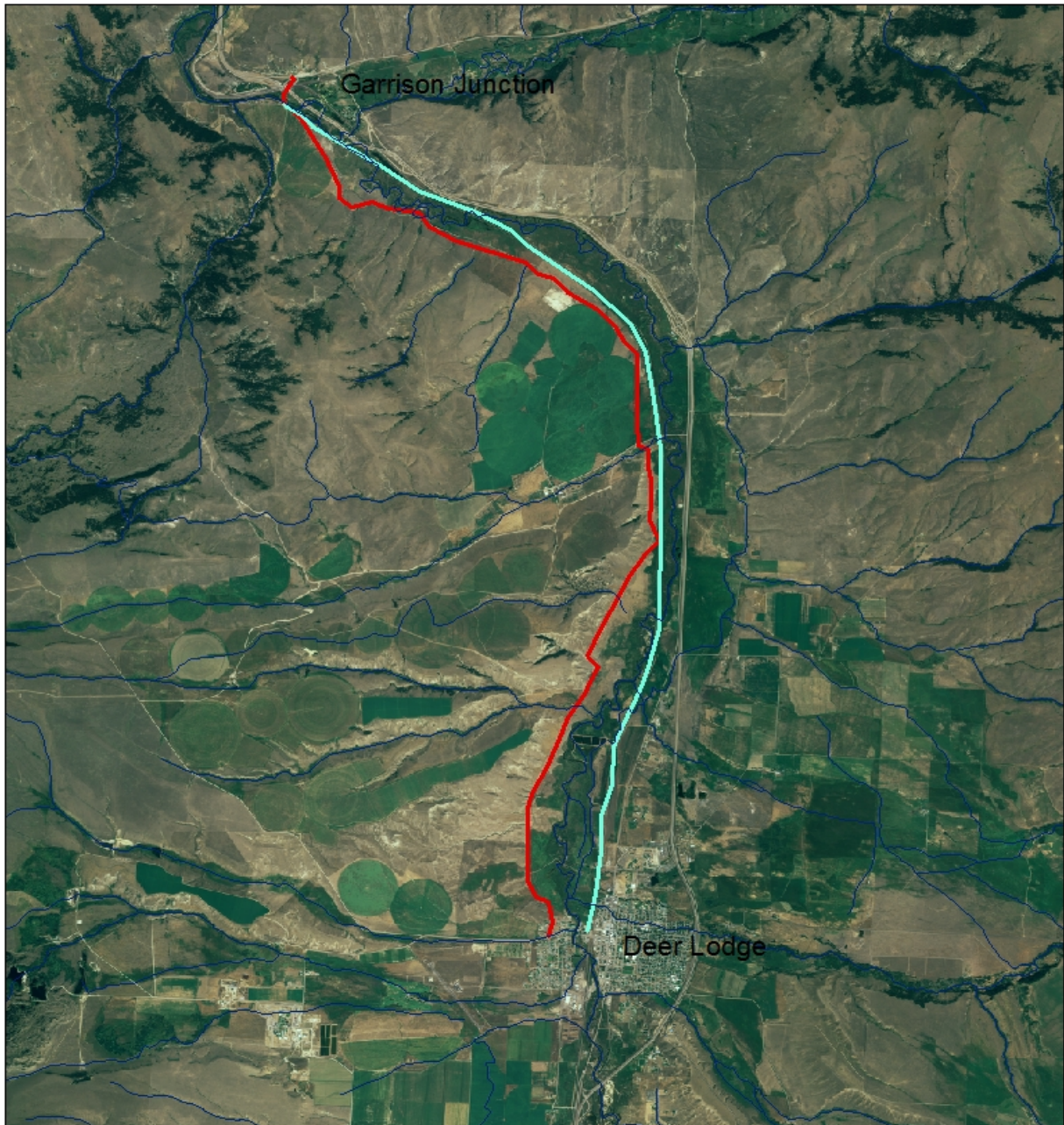


# Garrison Trails Project Development Grant



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## **Step 1. Applicant Information and Project Summary Form**

1. Name of Applicant(s) Watershed Restoration Coalition
2. Project Title Garrison Trails Project Development Grant
3. Type of Entity\* 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit  
(city, corporation, private individual, association, etc.)

(\*Corporation and Foundation applicants are required to submit corporation information as follows: Articles of Incorporation, and Certificate of Good Standing. Partnership applicants are required to submit a Partnership Agreement and a list of the names of the Partners. Limited Liability Company applicants are required to submit Articles of Organization, a list of the members/managers, and Certificate of Good Standing. Non-Profit Associations are required to submit a list of members, Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Fact. Non-Profit Corporations are required to submit a list of members, Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Good Standing. Please attach these documents to this form.)

4. Description of Project Location (Attach maps showing project area and project location per instructions on pg. 16.) To develop and complete the preliminary design for a trail system that connects the city of Deer Lodge trail systems with the bird viewing area at Garrison Junction

5. Injured Natural Resource(s) and/or Impaired Services to be Restored, Rehabilitated, Replaced or Equivalent Acquired through Project This project will replace recreation opportunities that have been significantly reduced as a result of impacted resources

6. Authorized Representative: John Hollenback Chair  
(Name) (Title)  
Mailing Address: 1002 Hollenback Rd  
(Street/PO Box)  
Deer Lodge, MT 59725 406-846-1703  
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(\*For Corporate, Partnership, L.L.C., or Cooperative Association applicants, list Registered Agent and Office for Service of Process)

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Table

## 7. Proposed Funding Sources

On the table below, enter the source and amount of all funding that may be used for this project. Indicate all potential sources of funds that you intend to apply for this project, even if you have not yet applied for the funds or have not yet received a commitment from the source. Indicate whether matching funds are cash or in-kind.

2008 Application		Amount in (\$) Dollars			Funding Percentage (Subtotal/Estimated Total Project Cost)
Funding Source		Cash Matching Funds	In-kind Matching Funds	Subtotal	
A.	UCFRB Restoration Grant Fund Request	\$24,974.00		\$24,974.00	45.4%
B.	Powell County	#####		\$ 30,000.00	54.6%
C.					
D.					
E.					
F.					
G.					
H.					
In-kind Total					
Cash Total		#####			54.6%

(Lightly shaded areas are automatically calculated on the electronic version of this form)

## 9. Private (non-Governmental) Grant Applicant Financial Information

- Are there any lawsuits, judgments, or obligations pending for or against you? **no**
- Have you ever declared bankruptcy? **no**
- Are any of your tax returns delinquent or under dispute? **no**
- Any unpaid deficiencies? **no**
- Are you a party to a lawsuit? **no**
- Do you have any other contingent liabilities? **no**
- Do your current and deferred liabilities exceed the value of your assets? **no**

Explain all **YES** answers in a statement attached to this form.

## 10. Certification for Individuals or Private Entities

Individuals or private entities requesting grant funds must sign the following certification.

### Certification for Individuals or Private Entities

I (We) the undersigned, have provided this financial information as part of my (our) application for a grant from the UCFRB Restoration Fund. I (We) certify that the statement is complete and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge and I (we) authorize the State of Montana to investigate my credit worthiness and any of the matters described above.

Individual(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Date

Private Entities

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorizing Agent Federal Tax ID No. Signature Date

## 11. Authorizing Statement

An authorized agent/agents representing the applicant must by his/her signature indicate that the application for funds and expenditure of matching funds, as represented, is officially authorized.

### Grant Authorization

I hereby declare that the information included in and all attachments to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the proposed project complies with all applicable state, local, and federal laws and regulations.

I further declare that, for \_\_\_\_\_ (Project Sponsor), I am legally authorized to enter into a binding contract with the State of Montana to obtain funding if this application is approved. I understand that the Governor must authorize funding for this project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Watershed Restoration Coalition  
Project Sponsor Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative (signature) Title

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Fed Tax Id. No.

## **Step 2. Proposal Abstract**

# **Proposal Abstract**

**Applicant Name: Watershed Restoration Coalition**

**Project Title: Garrison Trails Project Development Grant**

**Project Description and Benefits to Restoration:** The Watershed Restoration Coalition requests \$24,974.00 to fund project development efforts and a conceptual design for a trail system to improve recreational opportunities and public access in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin. The planning process would identify two possible trail locations and a preferred alternative. The trail system would be constructed from Deer Lodge to Garrison Junction, connecting the existing Deer Lodge trail system with the proposed wildlife viewing area at Garrison.

Possible features to be considered are sitting benches, picnic areas, interpretive signs, access to the stream, and other ideas will be taken into consideration during the public outreach input stage. Planning efforts would mainly consist of engineering and design services and public outreach efforts to determine what features are desirable to the community.

The overall cost of this project is expected to be \$54,974.00 and will be completed by December 2009. Tasks involved in the project include a preliminary design of the trail system and amenities, potentially securing right of way easements as well as public participation and involvement in the project development process. It is anticipated through this process that a full project implementation grant will be submitted for the 2010 grant cycle.

### **Step 3. Technical Narrative**

#### **Technical Narrative**

**Applicant Name: Watershed Restoration Coalition**

**Project Title: Garrison Trails PDG**

**A. Project Location:** This project is located from the town of Deer Lodge to Garrison Junction. The two potential locations for the trail would be the old railroad bed or an old county road that includes right of way over 4 properties, including Park Service, two private owners and State Land.

**B. Project Need/Define the Problem:** This project will address the need for increased diverse recreational opportunities in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin and potentially provide numerous types of recreational opportunities for different users.

Causes for limited recreation in these areas are a result of lost services that were the subject of Montana v. Arco. Installation of trail systems and access points along the river has been unavailable due to toxic substance in the soil and the unknown location of those substances. Now, those areas are identified and mapped and access points can be established in areas where no harm will occur to humans or animals.

The ROD defined the boundaries of cleanup to be the 100 year flood plain. All potential access sites to the river will have to be closely coordinated with remedy and restoration activities in this area.

**C.** The goal for this project is to complete all the necessary tasks associated with successfully planning and developing a conceptual design with alternatives for a trail system from Deer Lodge to Garrison Junction. The objectives are as follows:

1. Conduct community outreach and input on possible trail locations and alternatives as well as potential amenities.
2. Work with landowners associated with each possible alternative to discuss easement potential or purchase
3. Work with engineer or landscape architect to develop a conceptual design of trail system and access points.
4. Coordinate with Powell County to connect the potential trail system to the bird viewing area slated for construction by Powell County at Garrison Junction in 2009.

5. Collaborate with Grant Kohrs to provide an official access site to the trail, through the park.
6. Write an NRDP implementation grant for the project by the March 2010 deadline.

By completing these goals and objectives we will be able to complete a conceptual design that the community approves and have an implementation proposal that replaces services lost as a result of superfund activities.

**D.** There will be numerous tasks involved in completing the implementation portion of this project. The tasks are as follows:

1. Conduct community meeting in and around Deer Lodge and Garrison to obtain public input for the trail system and stream access points.
2. Speak with City and county officials to determine the preferred route for the trail.
3. Hold individual meetings with each landowner including Grant Kohrs, Rock Creek Cattle, Bernie Shillo and the State of Montana (DNRC) to discuss the county road easement and potential for increased easement width where necessary.
4. Also discuss with landowners, potential sites to access the river along the trail and provide picnic areas and fishing sites. Fishing sites would walk in sites in with no amenities. Maintenance and liability will be determined through this project development grant.
5. Develop a conceptual design through information collected during public outreach and communication with landowners. This includes trail and amenities.
6. Provide written support letters from each landowner and a preliminary easement agreement that would be pre-approved by NRDP.
7. Determine whether an appraisal will be needed depending on the alternative route chosen. This process will be closely monitored by NRDP
8. Work with Powell County to connect the trail system with and through the bird viewing area, including interpretive signs (signage would be pre-approved by NRDP).
9. Determine how access through Grant Kohrs will be handled through collaboration with the park.
10. Identify which section of river adjacent to the trail will be remediated or restored and how that will affect the trail and potential access points. This task will be closely coordinated with DEQ and NRDP.
11. Write NRDP implementation Grant for March 2010 deadline.

The project staff identified for this project will be the WRC executive director/project manager and a sub-contractor that will complete the conceptual design. Public outreach and input, project management and legal details will be completed by the WRC ED/project manager and are expected to require approximately 374 hours over the course of 14 months. Contracted services will be necessary for the conceptual design and are anticipated to require approximately 93 hours to complete.

Property access agreements will be necessary for those areas that would access the stream on private land. Additional right of way easements may need to be acquired if the original county road easement is not sufficient width for the project. No permits are expected to be needed for this project.

This project is the first stage of a larger project in which additional NRDP funds will be applied for in conjunction with other sources. This project will lead to the implementation phase which will occur in 2010. Implementation funds have not been secured at this point in the process, but are in the process of being identified. Match funds for this project development grant are secured.

Long-term effectiveness of this project will be ensured by the commitment from Powell County to maintain the trail system and amenities associated with the project. For those landowners in which the county road crosses, an agreement will be signed stating the responsibilities of each party. These responsibilities will include liability, weed control, trespassing, trail maintenance and access. The trail will be designed and constructed to minimize maintenance and a maintenance strategy will be developed during the implementation phase.

Developing a trail project from Deer Lodge to Garrison junction is technically feasible using the tasks listed above to collect the required information to ensure success of this project. Both private landowners have agreed to the project and are in the process of writing a letters of support. In addition, we have already started making contact with Grant Kohrs and the DNRC. Increasing the feasibility of this project is the experience, methods and lessons learned from the Johnson Creek Trail and Cottonwood Creek Outdoor Education Project that is currently being implemented. Successful approaches from the Johnson Creek project development grant will be applied to this grant, including, effective public outreach, landowner support and legal documentation to support that. We have also allotted more money for the

conceptual design as not to restrict the creativity of the project and provide more technical drawings of the trail.

Uncertainty associated with this project is the potential for Grant Kohrs and the DRNC to disagree with the county on the whether or not the county road has been abandoned. Research has already been completed on this uncertainty. There has been no petition for abandonment, no public hearing or resolution, therefore proving that the road has not been abandoned. These uncertainties will be further discussed with both the Grant Kohrs and the DNRC to gain full support of this project.

A monitoring plan is not applicable for this project development grant.

#### **E. Project Time Table**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
Community Outreach and 3-4 Public meetings	February-January	2009-2010
Bid sub-contract services for landscape architect or engineer	February	2009
Contract Awarded	April	2009
Work on determining the most feasible route	April-December	2009
Meet with landowners	April-December	2009
Determine legal work to be completed including easements and appraisals	June-January	2009-2010
Work with Powell County to connect trail and bird viewing area	April-December	2009
Determine access to trail and work with Grant Kohrs on access through park	April-January	2009-2010
Identify remediation and restoration areas and coordinate appropriately	June-September	2009
Support Letters	January-February	2010
Complete Conceptual Design	January	2010
Write Implementation Grant	January-March	2010
County Final approval and design and grant	February	2010
Project Completion	March	2010

#### **F. Qualification of Project Team**

The project team is more than qualified to successfully complete this project. Renee Myers has been currently working on the implementation

phase of the Johnson Creek Recreation Trail and Cottonwood Creek Education Center project for Powell County that was funded through an NRDP implementation grant. She was also in charge of completing the Cottonwood Creek Project Development grant that was responsible for planning and development of the Johnson Creek Trail and Cottonwood Education Center. Renee has a great working relationship with the County and also with several of the landowners in which this trail will potentially be located.

There are several engineering and landscape architect firms that have worked on similar projects in Powell County and are more than qualified to complete the conceptual design.

**G.** Support Letters will be forwarded shortly following the grant application.

## **Criteria Statements**

### **1. Relationship to expected costs compared to expected benefits**

The total cost for this project is approximately \$54,974.00, with \$24,974.00 (45.4%) requested in restoration funds and approximately \$30,000.00 (54.6%) being in matching funds from Powell County. The majority of the funds will be used for salaries and contracted services. The benefits associated with this PDG would be the planning, engineering, design and public outreach to determine the potential for a recreation trail between Deer Lodge and Garrison Junction. Also, how this potential trail can be connected and integrated into the proposed bird viewing area at Garrison Junction. The recreational enhancements to be considered in this PDG, if the full project is funded and implemented, could result in increased public access and recreational opportunities in the Upper Clark Fork.

The cost of this project is minimal compared to the amount of recreational opportunities that could be developed and implemented between Deer Lodge and Garrison Junction. Additionally, integrating the trail system into Powell County's bird viewing area increases the benefit and opportunities associated with the overall project. Finally, the trail would also be designed to connect with the existing Deer Lodge Community Trail system, including the Johnson Creek Recreational Trail.

### **2. Cost Effectiveness**

There were two alternatives considered under the proposed approach, the no-action alternative and the action alternative of completing a conceptual design of the trail using public input, outreach and research to determine the best

location for the trail. Under the no-action alternative, the ability to coordinate with the project implementation of the bird viewing area and the Deer Lodge trails would be lost. The bird viewing area project at Garrison Junction is anticipated to have a preliminary design by next summer. The opportunity to combine efforts and collaborate on recreation ideas is now. Waiting, would most likely increase costs, as additional designs would have to be completed to connect these projects in the future.

Additionally, there has been numerous hours of pre-work that has already been completed on this project, including, landowner meetings, map work, potential trail ideas and funding research. This work will enable the WRC to use the PDG funds more efficiently and skip several steps that have already been completed.

### **3. Impacts to the environment and human health and safety**

This PDG presents no adverse impacts to the environment as there is no construction associated with this portion of the project. The WRC will consider such impacts and possible mitigation efforts as part of the analysis and in determining alternatives for implementation.

### **4. Public Support**

Public support for this project has been positive. It has been discussed at WRC meetings and with both private landowners. The county commissioners fully support this project and additional public support and outreach will be received during the public outreach and comment component of the PDG.

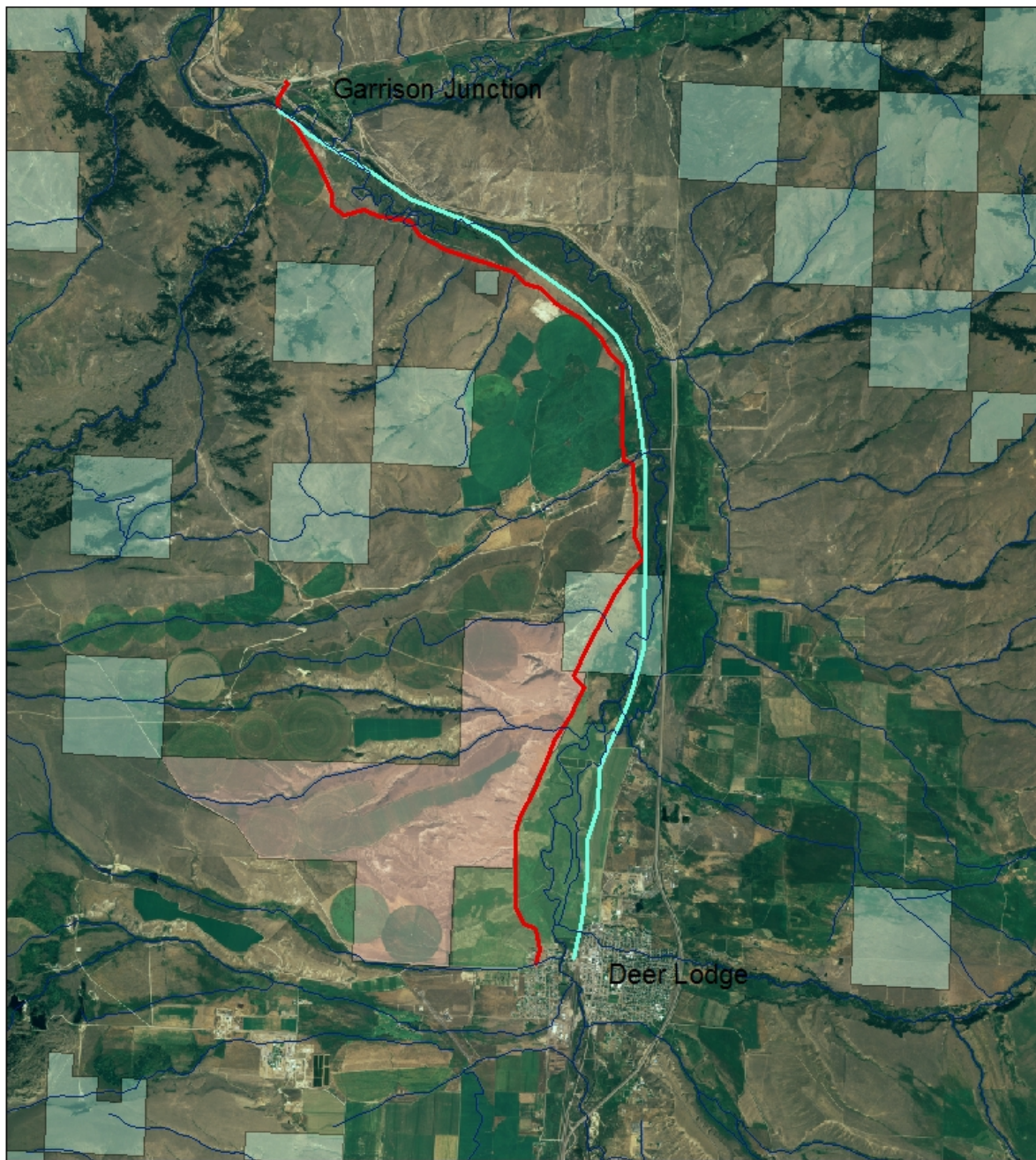
### **5. Public Access**

The proposed PDG will identify alternatives and whether or not there is a potential for increased public access along the river and to additional recreational opportunities.

# Appendix A

## Maps





Deer Lodge to Garrison Recreation Trail Route A Alternative

- Old Roadbed A Alternative
- Old County Road A Alternative

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- FIVE VALLEYS LAND TRUST - CONSERVATION EASEMENTS & FEE LANDS
- GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
- STATE TRUST LANDS - SOUTHWEST

# Appendix B

## Budget



2008 Application		BUDGET DETAIL FORM				
EXPENSE CATEGORY		UCFRB RESTORATION GRANT FUND	MATCHING FUNDS			TOTAL
			Cash	In- Kind	Subtotal	
1	SALARIES AND WAGES (List all worker salaries)	\$11,000.00				
	Administration	\$1,127.00				
	SALARIES AND WAGES SUBTOTAL	\$12,127.00				\$12,127.00
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,547.00				
	FRINGE BENEFITS SUBTOTAL	\$1,547.00				\$1,547.00
3	CONTRACTED SERVICES (LIST BY TYPE)	\$7,000.00				
	CONTRACTED SERVICES SUBTOTAL	\$7,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$37,000.00
4	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$500.00				
	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS SUBTOTAL	\$500.00				\$500.00
5	COMMUNICATIONS	\$900.00				
	COMMUNICATIONS SUBTOTAL	\$800.00				\$800.00
6	TRAVEL	\$3,000.00				
	TRAVEL SUBTOTAL	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00
7	RENT AND UTILITIES					
	RENT AND UTILITIES SUBTOTAL					
8	EQUIPMENT					
	EQUIPMENT SUBTOTAL					
9	MISCELLANEOUS					
	MISCELLANEOUS SUBTOTAL					
ALL CATEGORIES SUBTOTAL		\$24,974.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$54,974.00

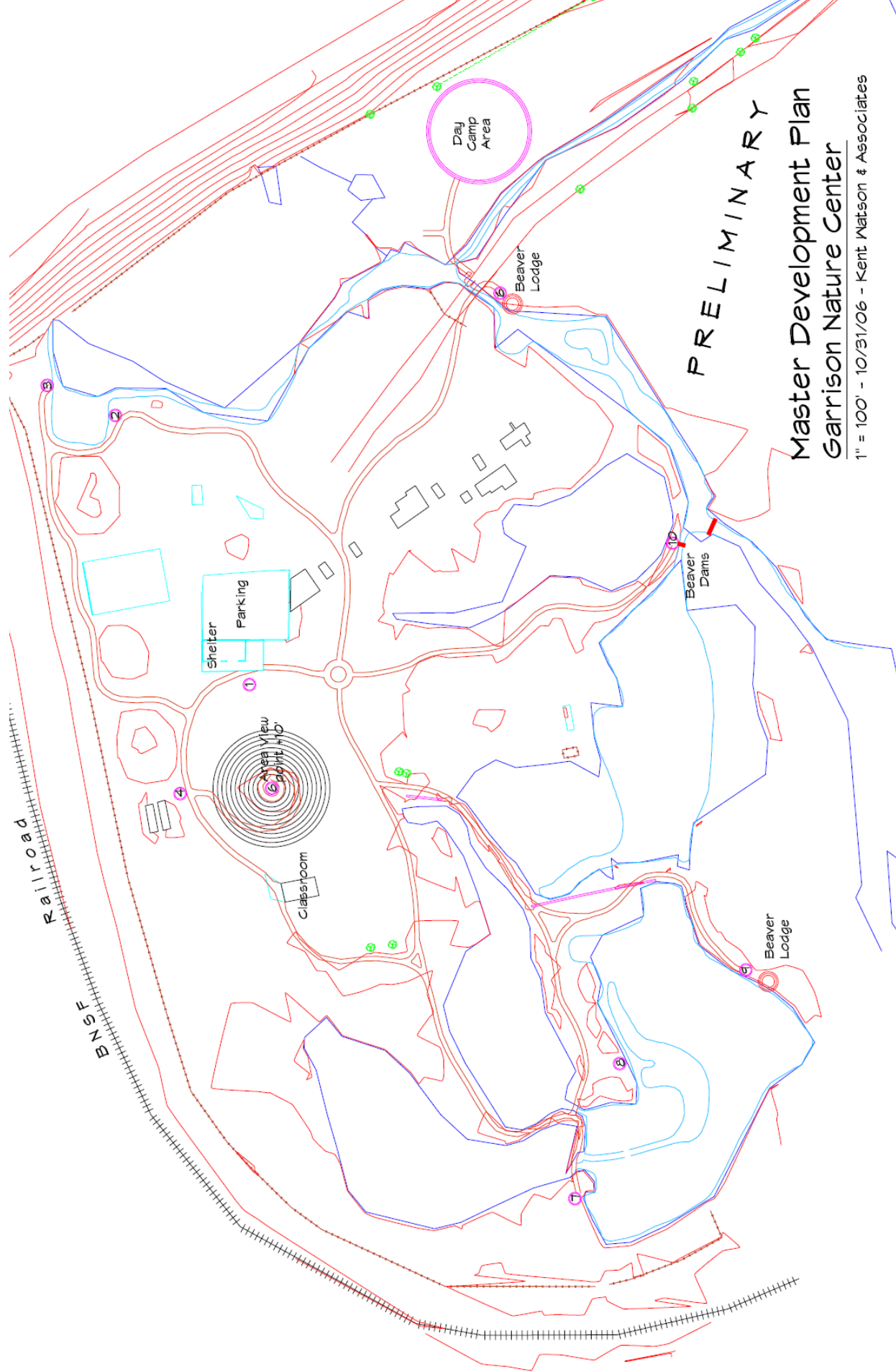
2008 Application		BUDGET SUMMARY FORM				
EXPENSE CATEGORY		UCFRB RESTORATION FUND	MATCHING FUNDS			TOTAL
			Cash	In-Kind	Subtotal	
1	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$12,127.00				\$12,127.00
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,547.00				\$1,547.00
3	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$7,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$37,000.00
4	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$500.00				\$500.00
5	COMMUNICATIONS	\$800.00				\$800.00
6	TRAVEL	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00
7	RENT AND UTILITIES					
8	EQUIPMENT					
9	MISCELLANEOUS					
TOTAL		\$24,974.00	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$54,974.00



# Appendix C

Preliminary Design of Garrison  
Nature Center





PRELIMINARY

# Master Development Plan Garrison Nature Center

1" = 100' - 10/31/06 - Kent Watson & Associates